

## LOCAL ITEMS

About Our Town and Its People

Eva Stewart was in Grand Rapids on business Saturday.

Miss Helen Darby of the Stanton & Sabine millinery store, left this week for a visit in Chicago after which she will spend her vacation at her home in Pittsburg.

Ed. Martines of Grand Rapids spent Tuesday in Belding.

Mrs. Ambrose Spencer and Mrs. Fred Warner were in Grand Rapids Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Helen Fortuna left for Newport Tuesday to visit her daughter a few days.

Mrs. Josephine Shindorf left for Grand Rapids Tuesday after spending a few days with Mrs. Susan Carey.

Carpet sweepers for gifts. Full line regular and vacuum, prices from \$1.98 and up. Ballard-Lloyd Co.—Adv.

Hal Burries of the National army, stationed at East Lansing was a home folks' guest with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Burries the latter part of last week.

Miss Cathleen Maloney returned to her school duties at Greenville Monday morning.

Mrs. Lee Furman went to Greenville Monday called there to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. John Cameron, a resident of Blanchard, whose remains were brought to Greenville for burial.

C. E. Finley went to Greenville Monday after having visited for a short time with his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Delano. They were former neighbors at Grant.

Will Otter left on Monday for McBrides, near where he is engaged in work for the basket company.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hall and Mrs. Emma Wright were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Forward.

Mrs. Severen is able to be out again after being confined to the house the past two weeks.

Mi-on stomach tablets which Wortley & French sell under a guarantee, end all forms of stomach ills.—Advertisement.

Mrs. Miles Wood had business at Shepherdville last week.

Mrs. Al Webber is very sick with flu.

Better Neckwear—Rummier's, Bridge street.—Adv.

Little Elwin Irish and baby sister are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Urch and Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Johnston and baby visited relatives near Fenwick Sunday.

Frank Wood is seriously ill with pneumonia. His son, Winford has flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gleason entertained their son, Ray and his son, Richard over Sunday.

Mrs. John Conklin of Ionia visited her sister, Mrs. Miles Wood the week end.

Christmas scarfs—Rummier's, Bridge street.—Adv.

Mrs. Millie Sower, of Ithaca, arrived in the city Wednesday evening and was guest at the home of Misses Cora and Edith Beck on Hanover street, while she was looking after her property here.

Mrs. Sower was a former resident of this city and removed to Ashley last May, going from there to Ithaca two weeks ago.

Mrs. Spoon was in Lowell Wednesday to help celebrate her father's birthday.

Clyde Hale went to Grand Rapids Wednesday to see Flo-Flo.

Clifford Condon left for Detroit Wednesday.

Christmas neckties—Rummier's, Bridge street.—Adv.

Mrs. Roy Collins of Frankfort has been a guest of her uncle, E. B. Lapham. She returned home on Monday.

Sometimes we write an article without any serious consideration of the real facts in the case, but please, oh please do not accuse us always of trying to "throw it in" or "hand you" something. Look on the sunny side of life and you'll live longer.

Even chronic cases of rheumatism yield to Rheuma's power, says Wortley & French, the druggists. If it doesn't help, your money will be returned.—Adv.

For Sale.

While they last, No. 2 potatoes, 50 cents a bushel, as we have only a few left. P. H. Maloney & Co.

## RETURNED SOLDIER SPEAKS HIGHLY OF AMERICAN RED CROSS

ORGANIZATION CAN NOT BE GIVEN TOO MUCH CREDIT FOR PART IN SOLDIERS' LIVES.

Corp. Fred Vandewater of the military police force at Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas, swung off from the train up from Grand Rapids Saturday night, his discharge, honorable of course, tucked away in an inside pocket and his military life ended for good and all unless some one should attempt to start something and get funny with Fred's Uncle Sam, at which time he will be just as ready and willing to respond to the call as he has on two previous occasions when he answered the call and put in time in the service of his country. The first enlistment gave him service in the Philippines and the latter service in the military police at Waco, Texas.

Corporal Vandewater is strong for the Red Cross. When asked about his service in the army, he put it strong that whatever was said about his coming home, that we could say for him that no one could overdo the matter of helping the American Red Cross, to his opinion the most prodigious organization for the good of the nation's fighting forces. At the present time that it were possible to dream of. All Red Cross workers with whom he had come in contact had been of the most benevolent and compassionate temperament and there was nothing that these good people left undone for the soldiers, if it lay in their power to do.

Fred says that was the two extremes—the kindness and sympathetic devotion of the Red Cross and the altogether different attitude of the people living near the camp, toward the men in the army. The former made life easy and comfortable as could be under the circumstances with no cost whatever, while the civilian population took seemingly especial pains to make life as miserable, through contemptible treatment, over charging and other practices for the soldiers as they could.

Fred has been in the service during his last enlistment since last May and for the greater part of that time was stationed at Waco, Texas. He will enter one of the mills within a short time and take up his work here as near where he left off as he can.

## Why Join The Grange?

(By Mary E. H. Coville.)

Because the Grange is a farmer's organization and the only national farmers' organization. It is fighting your fight; it has 60,000 members in Michigan and it has state organizations in 32 states. It helps you to get acquainted with your neighbors, teaches you to think while on your feet. More than 9-10 of the farmers who are public speakers are Grangers, it is the farmers' high school.

The Grange has always stood for woman suffrage and when the enrollment blanks were sent out it was to the Granges of Michigan who received the weeks before other organizations.

When Mr. Hoover started food conservation it was the Grange that he first turned to for help knowing the "farmer feeds them all" and every Grange through its secretary received the first food card pledges issued.

The Grange has defeated the Driven Wells patent, defeated the Sliding Gate patent, defeated the renewal of the sewing machine patent, first to advocate making the commissioner of agriculture a cabinet officer; first to advocate rural free mail delivery; first to advocate postal savings banks also parcel post, pure food laws, supported the Hatch experiment station bill, advocated the initiative, referendum, recall, direct nominations and conservation. The Grange worked for state railway commission, extension of markets for farmers, ship canal connecting Great Lakes and Mississippi, uniform system of school text books, good roads, construction of the Panama canal, regulation of railroads and transportation companies, equal taxation, popular election of U. S. senators, restriction of trusts and monopolies, temperance legislation, taxation of corporations at true cash valuation. These are only a few good things the Grange has done.

The Grange endorses the motto "in essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity."

The Grange stands for better homes and better ways of living, for better schools, better laws and better modes of giving and all things that go to make of you a better man—that is the Grange's greatest plan.

Farmers, Belding Grange will be glad to let you ride the goat and talk and sing and vote.

## W. C. T. U. Meeting.

Regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. this Friday afternoon, Dec. 13, at the Alvah N. Belding public library rooms at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. O. J. Burries and Mrs. E. E. Hudson will be leaders. Mrs. Coville, press superintendent.

Shirts and ties for Christmas—Rummier's, Bridge Street.—Adv.

## Friday and Saturday Specials

FANCY MIXED NUTS 35c POUND  
3 POUNDS \$1.00  
All new 1918 crop

SPANISH SALTED PEA NUTS 24c

JUMBO BLEACHED SALTED PEA NUTS 30c

BUY NOW FOR CHRISTMAS

## MICHIGAN'S FIRST WOMEN VOTER RESIDED HERE

The first woman to cast a ballot in the state of Michigan after the granting of suffrage to women, was Mrs. Claude Plant of Portland, who was at the voting place bright and early Monday morning to cast her ballot. As a matter of courtesy the men in the voting place stepped to one side and allowed Mrs. Plant to be the first voter in addition to being the first woman to vote that morning in the state. Mrs. Plant was a former resident of this city, being better known here as Miss Edith Wasmick and is a sister of Glen Wasmick of this city.

## A CHRISTMAS GIFT THAT MAKES MANY PEOPLE MERRY

LOCAL CITIZEN SELECTS BEST MEDIUM HE COULD FIND AS A GIFT TO SON AND DAUGHTER.

We have told you the same old story year after year, about the selection of the home town paper, in this case the Banner-News, as a gift, for the son or daughter, other relative or friend to express Christmas cheer and good will at this happy season and throughout the year and we are firmly convinced that there are very few gifts which could be selected as a gift which will give the recipient greater pleasure and extend it out over a longer period than will a subscription to the paper which is published in the town of one's former or present residence.

This conviction became more concrete than ever before since last Saturday when a certain man came in to the office and subscribed for two yearly subscriptions, one to be sent to a daughter, living in the northern part of this state and another to be sent to a son, living in a western state. The father and mother of the absent ones had decided that among their Christmas gifts to these two, would be the Banner-News, a regular Christmas gift which would reach them 52 times a year and be at the same time a reminder of parents, friends and the "home" things in the old home community, whence the mind of all right minded humans is continually turning back to, as leaf after leaf of memory's pages is turned over in the flight of time in an effort to keep the thoughts of former friendships and happy times.

And how thoroughly appreciated this gift will be by the recipients is hardly imaginable. Each week for 52 weeks it will be as a visitor from Belding stopping at their door for a good talk direct from home. It will be as a handshake with some old friend, a courier bearing messages of the progress of the folks back home. Through the sun and heat of the summer as well as through blizzards and snow blockades of the winter it will push its way to the birth and deaths, the joys and sorrows, advancement and depression, the failures and successes which creep into the lives of former schoolmates and friends "back home."

Yes, we know of several people in addition to the son and daughter above referred to, who will be made happy throughout the coming year by a weekly visit from the Banner-News, sent them either by a friend or relative here as a Christmas present. There will be a number of others also and if you have some friend or relative to whom you wish to send a suitable gift and you are undecided as to what it shall be, just quit worrying and have this paper sent to them. The price is only \$10 for a full year's subscription and a card, stating who the gift is from, will be mailed from this office to the person to whom you send the paper.

Take it from us, the gift will be appreciated more than any other you may send. Let us have your order at once so we can send out the card and paper before Christmas.

We Ate Some Good Apples.

Brother Chas. Seely, of Sayre, Oklahoma, a former Beldingite who now guides the destinies of the Sayre Headlight, has been telling the readers of that paper how the subscribers have been remembering the editor in his fight against the high cost of substitutes and he has been running a regular column in which he extolled the virtues of all those good people who brought him dressed chicken, pieces of pork, apples, potatoes, turkey and other like articles which appease the appetite and help cut expenses and the natives have vied with one another to bring something better than any one else had brought up to that time to such an extent that Brother Seely has his larder overflowing with stuff for the table and will not have to buy anything for a long time to come.

Well, we were just commencing to wish that this beautiful habit would break out and become an epidemic among our more than 2,000 subscribers, although we thought that we were hoping against hope, when the door opened up and in walked Bert Hall carrying a large sack of apples which our good friends, Mrs. M. L. Howe sent in for us and the fruit was just fine and we appreciate it very much. Since then another good friend has brought in a nice fat chicken, which together with the one we captured out in our back yard this morning will suffice for Sunday's dinner. Thank you a thousand times.

Alumni Meeting Postponed.

Belding high school alumni banquet is postponed. Having consulted a number of the members of the Belding High School Alumni association we deem it best to postpone the banquet which is held annually during the Christmas holidays. We plan to hold the banquet a little later when the influenza epidemic shall have passed. With apologies to the class of 1918, respectfully,

Leo Cusser, Pres.  
Emma L. Brown, Vice Pres.  
Grace Strunk, Sec.-Treas.

Notice.

There will be a meeting of Victoria Rebekah lodge Friday evening, Dec. 13. All members are requested to be present as it is election of officers. Olive Scott, Noble Grand.

Loren Chickering of Muskegon came over Sunday evening to look over the burg with a view to locating here. Loren says that war work is falling flat over in the Sawdust City and he has made up his mind to trek back home while the trekking is still good.

A reader asks us how the congressmen spent their vacation? Well, a considerable number of them have been exceedingly busy explaining why they were defeated.

Do you know what "The Light in the Clearing" means?

If the Germans want to get food faster, they might raise from the bottom of the ocean some of the ships they sunk which would facilitate the grain movement.

Do you know what "The Light in the Clearing" means?

## 4th Liberty Bonds

Your Liberty Bonds are now ready for delivery.

It is necessary to keep them in a safe place and the safest place we know of is in a Safety Deposit Box in our Electrically protected burglar-proof bank vault, at only

\$1.00

per year.

## BELDING SAVINGS BANK

"The Bank on the Corner"

## HOOSIER KITCHEN CABINET



## You Must Order the Hoosier Early

A Christmas Gift With a Purpose

THE war board has asked Americans to confine their Christmas gifts to useful articles—and to buy them weeks in advance. There is nothing more useful a home can receive than a Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet. And now, in wartime, women need this labor-saving machine more than ever in history.

For it gives the housewife extra time for war work—saves health and strength and miles of steps.

Due to wartime manufacturing difficulties, our allotment of Hoosiers is extremely limited. We expect that every one will be taken long before Christmas. You cannot afford to be without this cabinet when a small part payment puts it in your kitchen. Pay the balance in convenient amounts each week.

Hoosier is sold under the broadest guarantee ever given on a cabinet. "Your money all back if you are not delighted."

Let every husband resolve right now to give this "Hoosier Beauty" to his wife for Christmas. Let every woman resolve that she will have one. Nothing can be more welcome, last longer or serve you better every day in the year.

Come and select the model you want at once. If you order now we'll deliver it when wanted, and remember, you need make but a small deposit.

## Miller &amp; Harris Furniture Co.

LARGEST EXCLUSIVE FURNITURE STORE IN IONIA COUNTY.



## WE PRESENT

A CLOSE UP VIEW OF SANTA CLAUS and would remind you that there are but eleven days left in which to procure

## Those Christmas Presents

Many beautiful and appropriate gifts are still to be found here—gifts which will be appreciated by those to whom you present them, but—

HURRY! HURRY!! HURRY!!!

